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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO HOLD FORUM ON AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

MADISONVILLE, TEXAS, April 27, 2005 – The public is invited to attend USDA Rural Development's forum on Thursday, May 12, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., at the Truman Kimbro Convention Center, 111 West Trinity, Madisonville, Texas. This forum is free to the public and USDA Rural Development staff will provide information to all interested individuals and entities, about the various Housing, Community, and Business and Cooperative Programs available through USDA Rural Development.

"This forum will provide rural citizens information about USDA Rural Development and our commitment to increase economic opportunities and enhance their quality of life," said Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director. "This session will feature a presentation and discussion of all USDA Rural Development programs, in both direct and guaranteed lending opportunities, for rural utilities, community facilities, business and cooperative services and housing."

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life in rural communities throughout Texas. Through the numerous programs offered by USDA Rural Development, communities can improve the flow of capital to businesses and address the essential needs of housing, water, education and health care.

There is no cost to attend and all interested individuals are invited. To learn more or to make reservations to attend the forum, please call USDA Rural Development in Huntsville, Texas, at (936) 291-1901, Ext. 4.

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